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Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of Ethiopia.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 8th and 16th meetings, on 6 and 18 October 2011. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/66/SR.8 and 16).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 5 August 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/193).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/66/L.7

5. At the 8th meeting, on 6 October, the representative of Ethiopia, on behalf of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, the Sudan and Uganda, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/66/L.7). Subsequently, Argentina, Italy, Montenegro, Peru, Portugal, Slovenia, South Africa and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 16th meeting, on 18 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/66/L.7 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development,

1. *Decides* to invite the Intergovernmental Authority on Development to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.